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## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MOVING**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – After 44 years in its current location at the Capital Plaza Tower in downtown Frankfort, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is moving.

The agency is relocating to the 300 Building, a new, five-story office space located on Sower Blvd., off the East-West Connector, in Frankfort.

“We are looking forward to the move to our new home,” Kentucky Education Commissioner Stephen Pruitt said. “This new building will reduce energy costs and provide employees with an inviting work environment. The improved technology will allow staff to better support public schools and districts in Kentucky that are working to provide all of our students with a world class education that readies them for college, career and life,” Pruitt said.

Employees will move over a six week period starting Aug. 22 and ending by Sept. 30. While a logistics team is working to minimize staff downtime during the move, there may be a slight delay in returning phone calls or answering emails during the moving period. Staff telephone numbers will remain the same.

The address of the new building is [300 Sower Blvd.](#), Frankfort, KY 40601. Mail sent to the current 500 Mero Street, Capital Plaza Tower address will be delivered to the new building daily during the transition.

KDE offices are scheduled to move to the new building on the following schedule:

- Office of Education Technology – Aug. 22-24
- Office of Finance and Operations – Aug. 29-31
- Office of Career and Technical Education – Aug. 31-Sept. 1
- Office of Assessment and Accountability – Sept. 6
- Office of the Commissioner – Sept. 6-8
- Office of Legal, Legislative and Communication Services – Sept. 8-9
- Office of Teaching and Learning – Sept. 19-21
- Office of Continuous Improvement and Support – Sept. 23
- Other employees and makeup dates – Sept. 26-30

If someone plans on attending a KDE meeting or wishes to visit a staff member during the six-week window scheduled for the move, please check the correct location ahead of time.

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Construction on the 300 Building began in March 2015, and was made possible through a public-private partnership. The facility opened in June. The state will lease the building from a management company for 35 years. The 371,000-square foot building will house up to 1,457 state employees from KDE, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Energy and Environment Cabinet.

The LEED-certified building is expected to reduce energy consumption by about 20 to 25 percent. Its layout allows for maximum space efficiency while providing areas for both individual and team work.

KDE's offices have been in the Capital Plaza Tower in downtown Frankfort since 1972.

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